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FOREST SERVICE SEEKS COMMENTS ON WILLOW CREEK PASS FUEL REDUCTION ANALYSIS

(Steamboat Springs, CO) April 7, 2009 – The Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District is seeking comments on a proposal to remove hazard fuels and hazard trees in the Willow Pass Creek area along a shared Forest-private boundary. Please visit www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/projects/fuels for more information.

After receiving your comments, the Forest Service will identify and analyze the issues raised, use the issues to develop alternatives and issue a draft Environmental Impact Statement for public comment. Currently, plans are to complete a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Decision Notice during the spring of 2009, and implement the selected alternative as early as the fall of 2009. While comments are welcome at any time, comments received within the next 30 days will be most useful for the identification of issues and the analysis of alternatives.

Address comments to Jamie Kingsbury, District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487. Please include (1) name, address, telephone number, organization represented, if any, (2) title of the document on which the comment is being submitted, and (3) specific facts and supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. For further information on this project, please contact Brian Waugh at (970) 870-2185 or Andy Cadenhead at (970) 870-2220.